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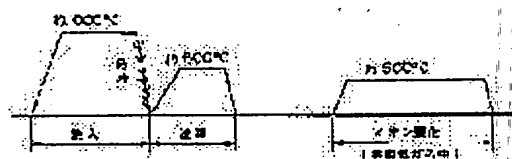
(54) BEARING STRUCTURE

(57)Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To strengthen the surface hardness of a roller shaft by conducting a plasma nitriding treatment or a physical vapor deposition process for the outer peripheral surface of a shaft body at a lower temperature than the tempering temperature of the shaft body.

SOLUTION: Tool steel (SKD) is used for a roller shaft, which is tempered at approx. 600° C after hardened at approx. 1000° C. Then a plasma nitriding treatment is conducted for the outer peripheral surface of the roller shaft at approx. 500° C, which is lower than the tempering temperature. By applying such a plasma nitriding treatment, it is possible to form the outer peripheral surface of the shaft body so as to have Vickers hardness of HV 950 or higher. High carbon steel (SUJ2) may be used for a roller shaft, tempered at approx. 200° C after hardened at approx. 800° C, and an ion plating processing may be then applied as a physical vapor deposition (PVD method)

at a lower temperature than tempering temperature. By applying this shaft body to a cam-follower with roller for diesel engine, it is possible to markedly reduce wear amount of the outer peripheral surface of the shaft body.



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Figure 1 is a schematic cross-sectional view of a mechanical assembly. The assembly includes a central shaft (1) with a roller (2) mounted on it. The roller is supported by a housing (3) which has a central bore (4). The housing is secured by a nut (5) and a lock washer (6). The roller is labeled "1 ロッカーアーム" and the shaft is labeled "2 ロッカーアーム軸". The housing is labeled "3 ローラ軸" and the central bore is labeled "4 ローラ". The nut is labeled "5 ニードル 転動体" and the lock washer is labeled "6".